MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : (*a*) 1794.

(*b*) Information is not yet available as to the number of Societies licensed in the recent reissue of cards.

(*c*) 822,

Action against State Guests Department officials.

450. *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what action they have taken against those State Guests department officials who prevented certain members of this House and of the public from contacting the British Parliamentary Delegation during their visit to Trivandrum, as assured by the Dewan at the last February meeting of the Sri Mulam Assembly that he would go thoroughly into the matter and suitable steps would be taken against such officials;

(*b*) whether the Dewan received any communication from any member of this House reminding him of the matter;

(*c*) if so, when; and

(*d*) whether any reply was sent to him?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) The necessary inquiries were made and the honourable member who moved in the matter has already been given a reply.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the date on which the letter was received?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: Sir, it was received on the 6th March 1946.

MR. K. A. MATHEW May I know when the reply was sent?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR On the 12th July 1946.

MR. K. A. MATHEW May I know the reasons for the delay especially in view of the fact that the Dewan has stated that immediate reply should be given?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: Sir, A full enquiry had to be made, as the statement was from a responsible member of this House and the result of the enquiry was intimated to the member as soon as possible.

MR. K A. MATHEW: May I know whether the reply was not sent after my interpellation had been received by the Government?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR: I am not sure.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Sir, I wanted to know whether the answer was not sent after the receipt of my interpellation?

PRESIDENT: I shall indicate some of the reasons for the delay. When the statement was made, I wrote to the members of the Parliamentary Delegation asking whether, as a matter fact, they sustained any inconvenience or whether anybody who wanted to see them was denied admission. All these facts were pointed out to them and they gave a reply based on which the reply to the member was sent.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What made the Dewan to make a reference to the Delegation?

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PRESIDENT : Because the Dewan wanted, having regard to the serious allegations of certain members, to make enquiries ; and I may say an absolutely negative answer was received from all the members of the Parliamentary Delegation ; and afterwards this letter was sent.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : The answer is given that no obstruction was caused by anybody. Does the honourable member realise that it is an absolute untruth ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : I can't say that it is untrue. In fact the question itself would show that the member and his friends met some members of the Parliamentary Delegation. That clearly means that nobody was prevented from meeting the Delegation.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I ask whether the honourable member is not drawing the conclusion from baseless premises ?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI *(Advocate-General)* : Sir, on a point of order. Is it allowable to a member to assume things and make statements and questions to another ?

MR. K. A. MATHEW : No, Sir. My question is based on a letter sent to me.

PRESIDENT : The honourable member has received a letter. That letter according to him is not true. If you think so, it is not true ; that is all. I heard the Government member saying that it is true and that what the honourable member says is untrue.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : It is stated that enquiries were made. May I know who enquired of it ?

PRESIDENT : I enquired of it.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I take it that you are responsible for the answer ?

PRESIDENT : No, I am not responsible. Any answer given is given by the Government and the Government take full responsibilities for that.

Indian Constituent Assembly.

451. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of representatives that can be sent from Travancore to the Indian Constituent Assembly ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have made any arrangement for their election ?

MR. V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR : (*a*) Presumably six, but no final decision has been arrived at in this matter.

(*b*) Not so far.

Relief works in Parur.

452. *MR. P. O. THOMAS ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what all relief works are being done to relieve the suffering from flood in Parur taluk with the amount sanctioned for the same ;

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